

From: [Petersen, Chris](#)
To: [Ronnie Crossland](#)
Subject: UPDATE: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT
Date: Monday, March 09, 2015 5:14:00 PM

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From: Zehner, Warren
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 4:44 PM
To: Smith, Monica
Cc: Petersen, Chris
Subject: RE: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

I talked with Nicole Bealle, head of ER for TCEQ down here. They are taking a wait and see posture on the Ship Channel Spill. She a volume update from the USCG down from 36,000 gallons to 36 BBls (@1300 gallons). Tide has been falling since @ 1 hour before spill, moving everything down river away from concentrated industrial area. Verified that there were no drinking water inlets near Morgan's Point, no industrial down river until TX City which is a long way. Not planning on sending any one unless requested by USCG. Based on these updates and the limited threat to public health, I recommend we do same.

Warren

From: Smith, Monica
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Zehner, Warren
Cc: Petersen, Chris
Subject: Fwd: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

This is the address of command post.

Sent from my iPhone



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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Enders, Jhana" <Enders.Jhana@epa.gov>
Date: March 9, 2015 at 3:06:39 PM CDT
To: "Crossland, Ronnie" <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>
Cc: "michael.k.sams@uscg.mil" <michael.k.sams@uscg.mil>, "Smith, Monica" <smith.monica@epa.gov>, "Petersen, Chris" <petersen.chris@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

Ok, called back to confirm (getting a little different info each time)...Morgan POINT - 1415 East Main Street, LaPorte, Tx

-----Original Message-----

From: Crossland, Ronnie
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 3:01 PM
To: Enders, Jhana
Cc: michael.k.sams@uscg.mil; Smith, Monica; Petersen, Chris
Subject: Re: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

Morgan City? Or Morgan's Point?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2015, at 2:59 PM, Enders, Jhana
<Enders.Jhana@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI...Mobilized START for air monitoring. Just got off the phone with Houston, they said a Command Post should be set up in Morgan City in about 30min...they didn't have a contact or any other info for the incident yet. They are aware EPA is sending START and I will touch base with them again in 30...unless Mike gets info any sooner he can pass on. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sams, Michael K CIV [<mailto:Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil>]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Crossland, Ronnie
Cc: Smith, Monica; Petersen, Chris; Enders, Jhana
Subject: RE: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

Ronnie,

Thanks for the head's-up. I'm sure SHG has (or is very close) to

opening up CERCLA for this response.

Per your earlier email, the HSC is closed. I have heard that local officials have ordered citizens to shelter in place.

V/r,

Mike Sams

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-----Original Message-----

From: Crossland, Ronnie [<mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:32 PM

To: Sams, Michael K CIV

Cc: Smith, Monica; Petersen, Chris; Enders, Jhana

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Mike,

This is an FYI. Our phone duty officer (Jhana Enders) is going to reach out the USCG Houston for coordination. Due to shelter in place, we are going to send a contractor to conduct air monitoring.

Ronnie

-----Original Message-----

From: Sams, Michael K CIV [<mailto:Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil>]

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:09 PM

To: Crossland, Ronnie; Smith, Monica; Mason, Steve; Greg Pollock; Richard Arnhart; Steve Buschang; Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov; stephen_spencer@ios.doi.gov; charlie.henry@noaa.gov; Paige Doelling - NOAA Federal; Adam Davis - NOAA Federal; todd.m.peterson@uscg.mil; Tyndale, Adam J CIV; Dailey, Bryan E
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Subject: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

Good Afternoon,

We just received notification from Sector Houston-Galveston about a collision near Light 86 in the upper Houston Ship Channel (Morgan Point area). The 600 ft M/V Carla Maersk was loaded with 216,000 barrels of MTBE; unknown quantity released. The 623 ft M/V Conti Peridot is a bulk carrier (steel cargo).

Initial summary follows:

- Incident occurred at 1247 CT on Mon, 9 Mar 2015
- M/V Carla Maersk reports three port cargo tanks are breeched & leaking (unknown quantity released)
- No injuries reported
- M/V Conti Peridot damage is unknown; no discharge
- Tide is falling (high tide was within last hour)
- Fog is impacting ability to conduct overflight; USCG will arrange once weather permits

USCG is in initial assessment phase. I will provide additional details once obtained.

Pls let me know if I can answer any questions. Thx!

V/r,

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